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5. (Twice Amended) The article of claim 1 wherein said at least two plies are three plies, wherein two plies have said ply orientation angle of about 30° and the third ply has a ply orientation angle of about 0°.

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11. (Amended) The article of claim 10 wherein said third dimension of reinforcement comprises folds.

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29. (New) A fiber-reinforced article comprised of at least two plies wherein each of said plies comprises (a) rubber and (b) cord made from melt-spinnable, non-metallic, multifilament fiber, said cord having

a twist multiplier of less than or equal to about 375,

a stress at 1% strain greater than or equal to about 1.7 grams/denier, and

an initial compressive modulus greater than or equal to about 7 grams/denier, and

said at least two plies having a ply orientation angle of greater than or equal to about 23° with respect to the longitudinal direction of the article;

the article further having fiber reinforcement in a third dimension, wherein said third dimension of reinforcement comprises stitches or folds, and wherein said folds form the edges of the longitudinal direction of the composite.

30. (New) A fiber-reinforced article comprised of at least two plies wherein each of said plies comprises (a) rubber and (b) cord made from melt-spinnable, non-metallic, multifilament fiber, said cord having

a twist multiplier of less than or equal to about 375,

a stress at 1% strain greater than or equal to about 1.7 grams/denier, and

an initial compressive modulus greater than or equal to about 7 grams/denier, and

said at least two plies having a ply orientation angle of greater than or equal to about 23° with respect to the longitudinal direction of the article;

the article further having fiber reinforcement in a third dimension, wherein said third dimension of reinforcement comprises stitches or folds, and wherein said third dimension is formed by braiding.